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Kansas probably will have no more gas next winter than it had last. The failure of the United States appellate court at St. Paul to decide which family of receivers shall have the disputed receivership funds will prevent . the Kansas state receivers from carrying out their pians for obtaining a larger gas supply. The receivers named by the Kansas court had planned an extension of sixty miles of pipe line into new fields. It could not be completed now before February or March.

The case was advanced on the appellate court docket and heard in May. The court took it under advisement. A decision, expected a week ago, was not given. Now it will be of little benefit.

"With the thermometer at the present mark few citizens are thinking about gas, but I have been thinking of little else," Willard Breidenthal, receiver for the Wyandotte County Gas company, said recently, "My company will be able to supply just the same amount of gas it supplied last winter. It is too late now to make the extensions to the new fields and should the decision come at once it would be of little benefit to Kansas. The receivers could do nothing without money and we cannot get the gas unless the pipe lines furnish it."

R. J. Higgins, attorney for the receivers, made a similar statement. Mr. Higgins said he had hoped for an earlier decision.

The pipe line company furnishes the gas for both citles. It can obtain no more until the question of the right to spend the funds collected by the receivers is decided.

NEWTON HAS \$500,000 FIRE

Flames Destroy Entire Block of Business Buildings Near the Santa Fe Depot.

Fire that broke out in the Newton auditorium at 2 o'clock in the morning wiped out an entire business block in the heart of Newton and caused a loss of \$500,000. Probably \$300,000 in insurance was carried on the property which burned.

The principal business houses burned were: McManus company's dry goods and furnishing store; Newton Gas and Electric Company's office; Will May's shoe store; Duff & Sons, furniture and undertaking; Newton Lumber Company's yards; Herold Book and Publishing Plant; First National bank; several rooming houses, restaurants, shoe shops and small con-

fectionery stores. The Wichita fire department went to Newton on a special train and assisted the Newton department. Mayor Duff, whose place of business was burned, personally led in the fight against the fire.

* * * An Atchison Manufacturer Dies .-Charles F. Hooper, a school furniture manufacturer, is dead at his home in Atchison. Mr. Hooper had been in ill health two years. He is survived by a widow and three chil-

Leopard Dined on Boy's Arm .-When Lester Hannon, 11 years old, thrust his arm through a door in the bottom of a leonard's cage at the Barnum & Balley circus here Friday night he couldn't draw it back. The leopard seized it, and before attendants could drive it away, ate part of the flesh on the arm and hand. The boy's father sued the circus for \$6,000 immediately after the accident, and the management had to put up a surety bond for that amount before the sheriff would allow the big production to leave town. Doctors say the boy will not lose his arm unless blood poisoning results.

Enjoins Sunday Show Men.—There will be no performance at the Pittsburg theaters on Sunday. A move by A. B. Keller, county attorney, and Ben S. Gaitskill, attorney for the anti-Sunday leaders, accomplished what two trials and many arrests have failed to do. The prosecutors applied to Judge Curran in district court for an injunction against the theater men, alleging that they were persistently violating the law. Judge Curran issued a temporary injunction.

Some Colt This .- "Green" Berry, a farmer living east of Atchison, exhibited a colt there recently which it is believed holds the northeastern Kaneas record for size. The animal is only 15 months old and stands 15% hands high and weighs 1,295 pounds.

Banks Remove Restrictions.--All the Wichita banks have removed the cash payment restrictions established on the declaration of war. There is plenty of cash now in the Wichita banks to pay all demands of deposi-

Joke on Depew.

An episode at the Yale bicentennial in 1901 illustrated the readiness of President Hadley's intellectual resources. One of the distinguished guests was the representative of the University of Upsala in Sweden. This gentleman, when received by Presi-dent Hadley and the corporation in the reception room of the Art school, delivered a long address in Latin. As soon as he had finished, President Hadley made a lengthy reply, also in Latin. "Well, well," said Chauncey M. Depew—at least the story represents him as saying—"I never knew that President Hadley could talk Swedish!"—World's Work.